

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm
hereby proclaims October, 2003, as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Whereas, Spanning centuries, cultures and continents, domestic violence is a tragic epidemic that has plagued our society, having devastating effects on countless numbers of women and children; and,

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Justice found that approximately 1,700 murders (2000) were attributed to intimates, with nearly three in four of the victims being female; and,

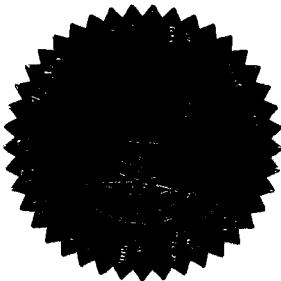
Whereas, The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and,

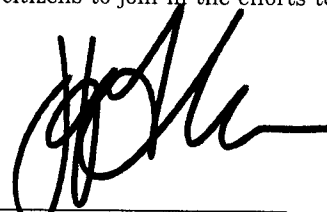
Whereas, The State of Michigan is committed to taking a firm position against domestic violence and will remain focused on ensuring that women and children are safe in their homes and abusers are held accountable for their crimes; and,

Whereas, Domestic Violence Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about domestic violence issues and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who are providing advocacy efforts, services and assistance to domestic violence victims; and,

Whereas, Two such organizations are the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board and the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, both celebrating their 25th anniversaries this year, and both deserving of special acknowledgement by the State of Michigan; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October, 2003, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Michigan, and I urge all citizens to join in the efforts to end this serious problem.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor